

TASK FORCE ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE AQUACULTURE IN MAINE

Meeting #2

- Shellfish Aquaculture
- Biophysical Carrying Capacity
- Municipal Harbormasters

Darling Marine Center
Clark's Cove Road
Walpole, Maine

Directions at -- <http://server.dmc.maine.edu/html/directions.html>

September 4-5, 2003

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DRAFT AGENDA

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Meeting Objectives:

- Study Shellfish Aquaculture
- Understand Technical Elements of Biophysical Carrying Capacity and Its Relationship to Planning for Marine Aquaculture
- Understand the Roles and Needs of Municipal Governments through the Work of Harbormasters
- Understand How a Local Conservation Organization Interacts with Aquaculture
- Continue to Frame the Scope of the Issues that Task Force will Address
- Finalize Approach for Working with Stakeholders Advisory Panel
- Refine Approach for Task Force Information Gathering
- Continue to Build Strong Working Relationships Among the Task Force Members
- Set Next Steps for the Following:
 - Information Gathering Program for Future Meetings
 - Defining the Specific Recommendation Topics

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

6:00 – 9:00pm **Arrive at Darling Center (Dinner on own)**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

8:30 – 10:00

Dana Morse
*SeaGrant Marine
Extension Team*

Eric Horne
Stakeholder

Dave Schmanska
Stakeholder

Paul Bryant
Harbormaster

Mark DesMeules
*Damariscotta
River Association*

Tour of Damariscotta River Shellfish Sites – Boat landing, Darling Center (Task Force, DMR Staff)

Purpose: Observe and learn about shellfish farming & uses of Damariscotta River.

Expected Outcomes:

Understand shellfish farming & growth of industry in Damariscotta River

Understand role of municipal harbormasters in aquaculture siting

Understand how a local conservation organization interacts with aquaculture farms

Materials: Distributed on board

9:00 – 10:00

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Stakeholder Advisory Panel Meeting

Purpose: Discuss Task Force process and progress to date

Expected Outcomes:

List of issues of interest and concern to SAP

Discussion of “How Task Force Will Seek Advice from the SAP”

Materials: “How Task Force Will Seek Advice from the SAP”

10:00 – 12:00

Paul Anderson,
Chair

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Welcome and Introductions

Review Meeting Minutes, Objectives, Activities, and Agenda

Purpose: Approve minutes, set meeting conditions, elect vice chair, finalize approach to working with SAP

Expected Outcomes:

- Approval of minutes
- Introductions of new participants
- Election of Vice Chair
- Review Criteria for Success
- Finalize written approach to working with SAP
- Report from SAP (15 minutes) concerning meeting #1
- Agreement on meeting #2 agenda

Materials: Draft Minutes, SAP documents, (this) Draft Agenda

12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Debriefing: Damariscotta River Shellfish Sites and Bay Management
Bruce Stedman <i>Facilitator</i>	<u>Purpose:</u> Ensure Task Force members have in-depth understanding of topics
Roger Fleming <i>Stakeholder</i>	<u>Expected Outcomes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions to and answers from SAP members and DMR staff • Discussion of comparisons to fin fish sites and bay management issues • Presentation by NGO representatives and SAP members • Discussion by Task Force of what they have learned so far
	<u>Materials:</u> Conservation Law Foundation briefing on bay management – Fleming
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 5:15	Biophysical Carrying Capacity
John Sowles <i>DMR</i>	<u>Purpose:</u> Panel Discussion to Inform Task Force
Larry Mayer <i>Darling Center</i>	<u>Expected Outcomes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by experts – growers and academics • Understanding of the role of biophysical carrying capacity in aquaculture planning
Mary Jane Perry <i>Darling Center</i>	<u>Materials:</u> Carrying Capacity Briefing paper – Sowles
Neal Pettigrew <i>Univ. Maine</i>	Shellfish Aquaculture and Carrying Capacity paper - Newell
Chris Davis <i>Pemaquid Oyster</i>	Cortes Island Shellfish plan
Carter Newell <i>Great Eastern Mussel</i>	Final Gorge Harbor Report
	Locational Guidelines for the Authorization of Marine Fish Farms in Scottish Waters
5:15 – 5:45	Debrief the Day
Bruce Stedman <i>Facilitator</i>	<u>Purpose:</u> Make process corrections and get feedback from SAP
	<u>Expected Outcomes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from SAP (15 minutes) concerning the day • Discuss process and / or agenda changes needed
	<u>Materials:</u> none
5:30 – 7:30	Dinner - Darling Center

7:30 – 9:00

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DRM

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Priorities for Task Force Work

Purpose: Discuss issue priorities and information needs

Expected Outcomes:

- Prioritized list of issue areas and major topics
- Discussion of the need for topic subgroups
- Discussion of the need for a more formal fact-finding session/process
- Discuss participation in Blaine House process

Materials: Convening Report, Fisk memo on External Impacts

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2003

8:30 – 8:45

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Review of Previous Day; Reconsideration of Agenda

8:45 – 10:45

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Priorities and Tasks for Making Recommendations

Purpose: Begin to frame issue learning and recommendation priorities

Expected Outcomes:

- Check in on Vision Statement
- Prioritized list of issue areas and major topics
- Discussion of the need for topic subgroups
- Discuss Public Meeting process and topics

Materials: Legislative Resolve, Draft Vision Statement, Draft Public Meeting Process

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:00

Next Steps and SAP Feedback

Purpose: Review and set future schedule and tasks. Hear feedback from SAP.

Expected Outcomes:

- Report from SAP (15 minutes) concerning meeting #2
- Review draft agenda for meeting #3 and longer term schedule
- List of assignments for staff and Task Force members
- Schedule interim conference call (if needed)

Materials: none

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch and Adjourn

